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The Soviet/Communist bloc, as a potential aggressor, has the capability to initiate suddenly at any time and in a place and by methods of its own choosing, hostile action in such strength as to gravely threaten the security of the United States. The mission of providing earliest possible warning of hostile action is the most important responsibility of the IAC to the NSC, and will be undertaken collectively by the IAC agencies as their highest priority.

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B. Mission\*

To provide earliest possible warning to the United States Government of hostile action\*\* by the USSR, or its allies, which endangers the security of the United States.

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[Proposed footnote \* The Watch Committee shall not produce estimates nor shall its mission limit, preclude, or obviate the intelligence activities of the IAC or any organizations thereof.]

\*\*Definition in Appendix.

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